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1. The new Harbin Measuring and Cutting Tool Plant, the largest factory for precision tools in China, is approaching completion. It will produce more of such tools than all the rest of China put together did previously.
2. The Fushun coal mines, which have a leading part in Chinese coal production, have received new funds and equipment and are expected to double production during 1954.
3. On 24 Nov 53 a new steel mill went into production at Anshan after a construction period lasting only 16 months. This mill will produce railroad track and building steel.
4. Important quantities of volcanic ash have been discovered in Hwangshih, near the industrial center of Wuhan. The new deposits are capable of supplying the Huahsin cement works for a period of 50 years. (Volcanic ash mixed with cement is a valuable foundation material.)

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